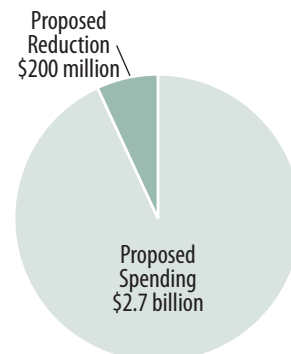


Public Safety

The protection of persons and property is one of the core missions of state government. A multi-pronged approach is used to maintain public safety: prevention, preparedness and response. Governor Gregoire's administration has made a priority of keeping Washingtonians safe by holding felons accountable for their actions, working to reduce repeat criminal activity and helping former offenders to become law-abiding members of society. She has also presided over the largest expansion of the state correctional system to house offenders and worked with the law enforcement community to enact protections against sex offenders.



Goals

- » Incarcerate and rehabilitate adult and juvenile offenders.
- » Respond to and prevent crime and vehicle collisions.
- » Provide disaster preparedness and response.
- » Increase traffic safety.

What We Invest In

Holding felons accountable

Communities are kept safer by holding felons accountable for their actions. The Department of Corrections incarcerates more than 18,000 inmates in 15 major institutions located across the state.
(\$1.3 billion General Fund-State, \$7.8 million other fund sources)

Community Supervision

Community supervision and work-release programs help ensure a successful reentry into communities for offenders upon their release from incarceration. The Department of Corrections provides supervision and treatment to 13,000 highest-risk offenders, as well as nearly 700 work release opportunities to help offenders find jobs and build skills so they can become productive members of their communities.
(\$241.7 million GF-S, \$24.3 million other fund sources)

Civil commitment of sexually violent predators

The Office of the Attorney General is responsible for investigating, filing and prosecuting all sexually violent predator cases in 38 of the state's 39 counties. *(\$5.8 million Legal Services Revolving Account)*

Offender reentry

Evidence-based programs now in place at the Department of Corrections are improving outcomes for offenders and reducing recidivism rates. Program goals are validated by the fact that both the state violent crime rate and the property crime rate are at their lowest point in the past 15 years. *(\$61.9 million GF-S)*

Assistance for victims of crime

Medical, legal and financial assistance are available to victims of crime who have suffered physical or mental trauma. *(\$61.4 million other fund sources)*

Training for local law enforcement officers

Training for 1,700 new law enforcement officers is provided through the Basic Law Enforcement Academy. Topics include criminal law, criminal procedures, patrol procedures, crisis management, communications, community policing, ethics, defensive tactics, traffic and firearms.

(\$16.3 million Public Safety and Education Account, \$460,000 Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance Account)

State Crime Laboratory

The Washington State Patrol operates crime laboratories in Seattle, Tacoma, Marysville, Spokane, Kelso, Kennewick and Tumwater. The laboratories provide forensic services for criminal justice agencies in the state.

(\$22.2 million GF-S, \$7.0 million Violence Reduction and Drug Enforcement Account, \$4.7 million State Patrol Highway Account, \$11.6 million other fund sources)

Criminal records management

The Washington State Patrol maintains databases of interest to law enforcement officers and criminal justice agencies throughout the state. Databases include fingerprint-based criminal history record information, sex/kidnapping offender registration and missing persons data.

(\$13.4 million GF-S, \$6.9 million Fingerprint Identification Account, \$3.0 million State Patrol Highway Account, \$100,000 other fund sources)

Investigative assistance for criminal enforcement

This Washington State Patrol division provides investigative coordination, support and training for law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Services provided include SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics team) responses to tactical incidents and clandestine drug labs, recovery of evidence that may exist on various media, and training on gang enforcement and trends.

(\$10.8 million GF-S, \$9.2 million GF-F, \$3.2 million State Patrol Highway Account, \$2.5 million other fund sources)

Highway traffic enforcement

Roadways are made safer through the enforcement of traffic laws, investigation of collisions and assistance to motorists in need. Enforcement emphasis on drinking drivers, aggressive driving, speeding motorists and people not wearing seat belts is maintained. Emphasis already is paying dividends: The overall trend for vehicle fatalities is declining, with the 2007 vehicle fatality rate the lowest the state has ever recorded.

(\$225.1 million State Patrol Highway Account-State, \$11.0 million GF-S, \$2.9 million other fund sources)

Enhanced 911

The Military Department manages the Enhanced 911 program with a number of community partners and others to ensure that state residents have access to emergency assistance. More than 90 percent of the Enhanced 911 funds are “passed through” or provide direct support to local jurisdictions.

(\$39.4 million Enhanced 911 Account)

Disaster preparedness and response

The Military Department’s Emergency Management Division administers Homeland Security grant funds and disaster relief funds after a federal declaration of a major disaster or emergency, and coordinates the state’s efforts to recover from disasters. Nearly 90 percent of the funding is passed through to individuals and local jurisdictions.

(\$6.3 million GF-S, \$103 million GF-F, \$72.5 million Disaster Response and Nisqually Earthquake accounts)

Flood control infrastructure

Bond authorization has been secured for the state's portion of the Chehalis-Centralia Flood Control Project. The project is a partnership among local governments, the state of Washington and the federal government. *(\$50 million capital)*

Prevent, prepare for and fight wildfires

Education and assistance make it more likely that homeowners will build defensible space around at-risk homes. This space helps prevent fires and makes them less damaging. Training prepares crews to attack fires when small to keep them from becoming threats to public safety and land resources. *(\$37.6 million GF-S, \$42.9 million other fund sources)*

Enforcement of consumer protection laws

The Office of the Attorney General enforces state laws, recommends changes in state law and provides education to protect consumers and legitimate businesses from unfair or deceptive trade practices. *(\$7.9 million GF-S, \$2 million other fund sources)*

How We Achieve Savings

Elimination of supervision for misdemeanants and low-risk felony offenders. Supervision of these offenders has not been proven effective in reducing recidivism. Supervision in the community custody program in the Department of Corrections will be intensified for the remaining offenders. This item includes:

- Elimination of supervision for misdemeanants. *(\$31.7 million GF-S)*
- Discontinuation of community supervision for low-risk offenders, except for sex offenders and violent offenders. *(\$9.9 million GF-S)*
- Setting of community custody sentence lengths at 12 months. *(\$27.2 million GF-S)*

Closure of the Naselle Youth Camp. The Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration now has the residential capacity to house 835 youth. The November 2008 residential caseload forecast projects a drop in population, lowering the number of beds needed to 658 by Fiscal Year 2011. *(\$12.9 million GF-S)*

Reduction of funding to expand evidence-based programs. Evidence-based programs, such as family functional therapy and aggression replacement therapy, have not been fully put into place in the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration and the courts. *(\$8.7 million GF-S, \$1.4 million Reinvesting in Youth Account-State)*

Reduction of chemical dependency treatment funding for adult outpatient and residential services. This will eliminate addiction treatment to 13,000 low-income patients and reduce detoxification services for 2,700 low-income patients. *(\$11.4 million GF-S)*

Authorization of early release for elderly and ill offenders. We will allow early release for elderly and ill adult offenders who are chronically or terminally ill and 55 years or older. Offenders serving time on a violent or sex offense charge are excluded. *(\$1.5 million GF-S)*

Deportation of non-citizen offenders with property or drug offenses to their country of origin. *(\$9.1 million GF-S)*

Other reductions including pension changes. *(\$87.6 million GF-S and other funds)*